



**The President
of the
Economic and Social Council**

25 January 2023

2023 Development Cooperation Forum (14-15 March 2023)

Excellency,

It is my honour to invite you to the 2023 high-level meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), to be held **from 14 to 15 March 2023** at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

To navigate the evolving, multiple crises worldwide and rescue the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the quality and impact of international development cooperation must be significantly enhanced. The 2023 Development Cooperation Forum will emphasize the human dimension of development cooperation, focusing on the lives and livelihoods of people that development cooperation is meant to serve. It will spotlight the distinctive role that risk-informed development cooperation plays in building the resilience of the most vulnerable, including through strengthened support to social protection, climate adaptation and digital transformation.

Since 2008, the DCF has advanced an inclusive, dynamic approach to development cooperation among UN Member States and relevant development cooperation actors. It is the global platform for evidence-based, balanced and forward-looking discussion of the latest trends, progress, and emerging issues in development cooperation. By providing all relevant actors a space to identify priorities and share experiences, the Forum strengthens coherence and coordination across diverse development cooperation efforts and modalities.

The 2023 DCF welcomes government representatives at the ministerial and Director-General levels from all regions, alongside stakeholders from civil society, private sector, philanthropy, local and regional governments, parliaments, international and regional organizations, and development banks for action-oriented discussion.

I strongly encourage your government to engage in this critical, in-person ministerial-level Forum. With your engagement, I am confident the DCF will put in place a firm foundation for collective policy actions in 2023 and beyond, including at the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development, the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development, the SDG Summit and the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development, among others.

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the
United Nations
New York

In this spirit, I invite you to submit the names of your high-level officials and delegates participating in the 2023 Development Cooperation Forum by **Friday, 3 February 2022**, to the Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA (dcf@un.org), with a copy to Daniel Platz, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, International Tax and Development Cooperation Branch, (platz@un.org). Additional information on the official programme and side events are forthcoming on the event [webpage](#).

I look forward to your positive engagement and a strong outcome of the 2023 Development Cooperation Forum.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Lachezara Stoeva
President of ECOSOC